

Random Notes

Mr. Elmer Roper, provincial C.C.F. party leader, is reported to have been somewhat critical of the lukewarm attitude of some party members during the August election in his keynote speech at the opening of the annual convention, held recently in Edmonton.

Mr. Roper may have justification for his remarks, yet the fact which seems to escape him is that when people are prosperous they are inclined to be much troubled by doctrinaire subjects.

A chance was offered here in Alberta in 1935, but the C.C.F., as well as other parties were unable to take advantage of it, because of the impossibility of attempting to outdo the fantasies of the Aberhart offering. Moreover, since those days, the federal Liberal party has taken over the main plank of the Socialist platform for a "Welfare State," and while it's true the Liberal policy is one of "gradualism," a form disliked in quarters where "Socialism" is our watchword, in the hands of the Liberals the policy has worked without plunging the country into bankruptcy.

Mr. Caldwell's fervent expectation of a National Health Insurance scheme—last of the main Social Security measure—is an acknowledgment of the success of the Liberals in a field which, admittedly, was part and parcel of original C.C.F. principles.

In effect, therefore, it may be said that the Liberals have stolen the Socialist platform, with the result that a gratitude has never been an outstanding public virtue, the electorate fails to give credit and support where, presumably, it is considered to be due.

The resignation of all members of the U.S. House of Representatives, following immediately upon the decision of President Truman to grant the \$1.90 called for by the Board's finding that any amount above \$1.50 would contribute to inflation, was a logical conclusion to happen under the circumstances.

The President's declaration

that he wished to avoid Presidential election, Eisenhower being embarrassed by a coal strike, may be taken for what it's worth, but a lot of people are likely to suspect that this statement covers only a small portion of the ground upon which the action was taken.

Obituary

Stella May Harrison

One of the best known pioneer residents of this district, Mrs. Stella May Harrison, died in the General Hospital, Calgary, on Sunday, December 14th, 1952, following a short illness. The remains were shipped to Delia for burial. Funeral services were held from Delia United Church on Friday afternoon, 19th inst., at two o'clock, with Rev. H. G. deLewin officiating.

Deceased was predeceased by her husband in March, 1940; also Mrs. W. D. Fitzsimmons (Prudence), October 1929; and another daughter, Mrs. Martin (Florence), October 1944.

The late Mrs. Harrison was born in Cadiz Wisconsin, U.S.A. on May 28th, 1876, and was therefore 76 years of age at the time of her death. She was married to Andrew Willis Harrison on September 13, 1893, at Cheney, Washington, U.S.A.

The family came to Canada with their seven children in 1909, and took up a homestead in the Delia district.

Mrs. Harrison leaves to mourn her loss three daughters, Mrs. Hugh Fletcher, Donald, B.C.; Mrs. Julius Jones, Delia, Alberta; Mrs. Lillian Powers, of Sonoma, Washington, U.S.A.; one son, Harvey Harrison, of Puyallup, Washington, U.S.A.; 15 grand children, and 28 great grand children. There are also five

grand children in Washington, U.S.A. Two sons live in Illinois, and one in Wyoming.

Funeral services took place in the Delia Cemetery.

Universally respected and loved in Canada from 1909 to 1949; from \$7,000 to 74,000 full-time students.

—Quick Caption Press.

Farrell Lake News

The December meeting of the Long Lake Ladies' Aid was held at the home of Mrs. Norma Bell, with six members present.

The president opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer, and the secretary read the minutes of the November meeting. The roll call was taken with an expression of Christmas gifts.

Election of officers took place. The new president is—Mrs. Bill Keast; Vice-President—Mrs. O. B. Loran; Treasurer—Mrs. L. Sverdahl; Secretary—Mrs. O. B. Loran; and Social Welfare workers—Mrs. S. Sverdahl, and Mrs. Bill Knowles.

The members decided to donate to the Woods Christian Home, in place of the usual Christmas hamper; also to send the usual donation to four schools for the Christmas tree goodies.

The hostess served a delicious lunch, that was much appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Mennie and Mr. Harold visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Sverdahl on Sunday last.

Last Saturday evening a large number of young people attended a skating party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Trout.

Mr. and Mrs. Sverdahl, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Hall, to Drumheller last Friday.

Sweetest Grandmother and mother-in-law recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Trout.

Miss Ruth Shand spent the week end at both Shand, to school in Drumheller, for school Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Allison took their youngest son to be treated to Mrs. Barn for an infection on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Humphrey, Phillips (who was returning home after a couple of weeks stay there), spent last Sunday at Mrs. Humphrey's home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Senege and a daughter, were Drumheller visitors last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nelson and family were Hanna visitors last Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. John Nelson is conversing from a broken leg of several weeks.

Say you saw it in The Delia Times.

Protect Those Bare Fields

Lathbridge Experimental Station Weekly Letter.

A short trip to southern Alberta shows that there is an urgent need to fence and strip their fields from the viewpoint of soil drifting control. There are thousands of acres of left irrigated and dry land that are in an ideal condition to drift when the first chinook wind strikes. These fields are devoid of trash protection and in many cases are powdery dry. Some methods of preventing winter drifting on bare fields are: 1. Lathbridge Experimental Station and with the current field weather all can be carried out easily. These methods depend on a lumpy condition or furrows to stop drifting.

One dry land field has been leveled. The job was done with a double roller equipped with heavy wheels that made furrows about 3 feet apart and with the shovels set so that the wheels follow the ground level. An effective lining can be done with any sized high clearance tillage tractor equipped with laterals above.

A chisel plow used to roughen up an irrigated field where leveling had made the surface smooth with many loose dry spots. By using narrow teeth at a depth of 6-7 inches protective lines were brought to the surface.

It is well known that fall ploughing will have irrigated land in a better condition. The method, which leaves surface covered with lumps, was used extensively at the Station this fall.

The one-way disk with three of every four pass removed has been mentioned frequently as an effective method of keeping land against soil drifting. It is particularly suitable on partly frozen fields or where chinook winds have dried the surface during the night.

The four methods mentioned show the value of the winter furrows to trap moving soil. In considering the most suitable method for any field the type of soil is the most important factor. Lumps on clay or sandy soils break down quickly and therefore furrows are most effective. The medium soils retain lumps satisfactorily, which allows a wide range of control methods.

Canada's national income and the related goods and services during 1951 totalled \$21,200,000,000, a record.

THE WORLD OF WHEAT

By H. G. L. Storage Director "The Crop Trading Plan"

A New Valuable Service

Last summer I was privileged to attend the Kelville, Alberta, "Save the Soil" Society farm meeting: a field day at Victor Watson's farm at Ardara, Alberta and the Western District Agricultural Board in Saskatoon. I was greatly impressed with the good work these organizations are doing.

Small local field days such as these I believe are well worthwhile. One feature of these experiments is that a local farmer owns a demonstration plot of six or seven recommended varieties of wheat, oats, barley and flax, so that neighboring farmers can see with their own eyes exactly how the various varieties behave in each particular district, thus as the variety changes, a small field day is held with the farmer and his neighbors, at which the District Agricultural Board, and most valuable information is obtained.

"The Crop Trading Plan" makes up each year, for its own use, hundreds of sets of seeds to sow with our "Crop Trading Plan." Demonstration plots. If there are any local improvement organizations which would like to sow sets of these seeds the "Crop Trading Plan" will be glad to supply, before spring, a complete set ready for sowing, and free of charge.

The Weather

The only precipitation which occurred during the month of November as registered at the government meteorological station at the Calgary airport was 2.7 inches of snow, equal to .37 of rain. The average temperature for the month was 51.2 degrees above zero or 3 degrees below normal. The average for the first 15 days of November was 10 degrees above normal.

This autumn has been an unusual one for the weather, with precipitation during the entire autumn.

Port Activity

Grain shipments from both Montreal and Vancouver will probably break all records during the 1952-53 year. At Montreal "break-bulk" ships from Port Arthur and a Port Williams have to wait their turn before their cargo can be discharged. At Vancouver, all grain loading berths were filled last week while 18 ocean-going ships waited in a stream to be loaded with grain for export.

Guletide Greetings!

To Our Customers and Friends:

Time has a way of passing all too quickly, doesn't it? And we are apt to forget the many pleasant relations that you and others have contributed to our success in the past year. Most of us are inclined to remember the less pleasant contacts, and often overlook the many happy ones.

As we close this record year, we recall that we did not once pause to express our appreciation to you who helped make it so. All of us at Larkin & Isaac say, "It's been a pleasure and a privilege to have you as our customer, and hope we will merit your continuance throughout the coming year."

Our heartfelt and most sincere wishes go out to you and yours for a MERRY CHRISTMAS, and a HAPPY, PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

Yours very truly,
George—Gus—Frank and Henry.

Larkin & Isaac

Massey-Harris Dealers

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DELIA PHONE 24

Best Season's Greetings!

We wish you cheer — We wish you Happiness. We wish you the Merriest and most joyful Christmas ever.

And may Health and Prosperity be yours throughout the coming Year.

BONNA'S RESTAURANT

AND STAFF

With all their Customers

A Merry Christmas

and

A Prosperous New Year

OUR SINCERE WISHES TO THE DELIA COMMUNITY FOR

A Very Joyful Xmas

and all the Best in 1953

MAC'S GROCETERIA

MAC, MABS & WINNIE



To OUR WESTERN FRIENDS
A Very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year
FROM EATON'S



Xmas Greetings!

A WISH TO EXPRESS
MY APPRECIATION FOR YOUR
PATRONAGE DURING 1952

Sincerest Wishes for a Prosperous 1953

Lester W. Battle

We extend to our many Friends and Customers
Best Wishes for

A Merry Christmas
and
A Happy New Year

L. E. LARDER

Season's Greetings!

To our many Friends and Patrons
WE WISH YOU A VERY

Merry Christmas and a Happy and
Prosperous New Year

D. J. Watters Hardware

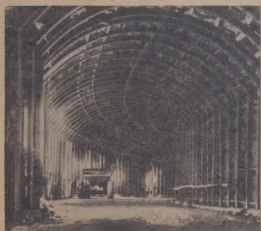
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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES

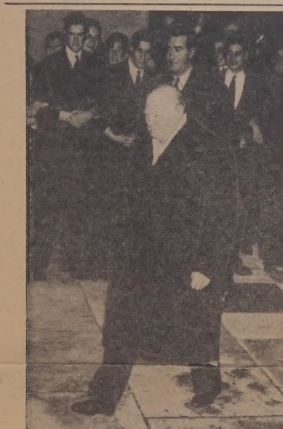
Canadian Soldiers Get Confiscated Cigarettes



MILITARY NERVE CENTRE IN ATOM WAR—This is the tunnelled entrance to the three-storey "underground pentagon" at Camp Ritchie, 65 miles north of Washington, whose existence has been a well-kept secret in the U.S. The cost, which cost \$25,000,000, is for use by the U.S. department of defence in the event of an atomic attack. It is protected by heavy steel blast doors, with special provision for ventilation. Emergency power and water supplies and a communication system designed to resist atomic attack.—Central Press Canadian.



EDUCATION IS AGGRESSIVE IN INDIAN VILLAGES—India, where a majority of citizens can neither read nor write, is in the midst of a campaign of education that is reaching into the smallest villages. The program is too vast to be accomplished in the few schools available so educators go right into homes, touring caravans distribute books and pamphlets on agriculture and sanitation, open air theatres stimulate interest and desire for learning. This is an Indian "classroom" with a woman teacher occupying a chair in a home while her students try to follow her as she reads. The literacy program is being aimed at women, who, authorities hope, will train their children and inspire them with a desire for learning.—Central Press Canadian.



TRUE TO HIS OLD SCHOOL TIES—Lads of Harrow School in England watch Prime Minister Winston Churchill leave the speech room of his old school after they sang old familiar songs which the premier himself selected. The weekend reunion marked the 13th consecutive year Mr. Churchill returned to the school. He listened intently as the boys sang, sometimes tapping his foot and joining in. Once or twice he was noticed dabbing his eyes as old memories flooded back.



TEN COACHES DERAILED IN COLLISION—Two persons were injured, one seriously, when a collision with a tractor trailer at Valois, 15 miles west of Montreal, derailed ten passenger train cars. Seventy other passengers escaped injury. The accident occurred when the tractor tried to cross a railway intersection while the signals were flashing.



GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S NAMED "HONORARY CADET" OF NEW MILITARY COLLEGE—Governor-General Vincent Massey was named the first "honorary cadet" of the new College Militaire Royal set up in Quebec, as he officially opened the institution dedicated to the advancement of Canadian youth. In the above photograph, Massey is seen signing the college guest book as Colonel Marcelin Lahaie, (left), college commandant; Wing Commander John G. Macdonald, (center), and armed services representative, Misses Mildred Brooke Claxton look on. Dignitaries of government, church and army, who marched past the reviewing stand as part of the opening ceremony, are seen in the background. The impressive ceremony—Central Press Canada.



ON THE BALL—Two-year-old Renske Quax of Haarlem, Holland, is all business as he ponders a billiard problem, with the aid of a chair. The youngster, a chip off the old cue rack, is said to have inherited his interest in the pastime from his grandfather, a devotee of the game.



IN COMMAND OF RECOMMISSIONED HUBRON—Thirty-nine-year-old Cmdr. Richard G. Chenoweth of Westport, Conn., took command of the first Canadian destroyer H.M.C.S. Huron, veterans of both World Wars I and II, when she was recommissioned in Halifax on Nov. 18. A holder of the AMB, Cmdr. Chenoweth joined the Royal Canadian Navy in 1938 and served throughout World War II in North Atlantic convoy work com-



NATO BUSINESS BRINGS HIGHWAY TO LISBON—General Matthew A. Ridgway, supreme commander of all NATO forces in Europe, is seen chatting with president of the Portuguese Republic, General Chaveiro Lopes, (right), following his arrival in Lisbon for a series of conferences of a political and military nature in reference to the NATO. In addition to the many high officials on hand to greet Ridgway, citizens of Lisbon lined the streets to give him a rousing welcome.—Central Press Canadian.



THEY'RE CALLED "SMUGGLERS"—Thanks to the efforts of the Canadian Customs, E.C.M.P. and other organizations, Canadian soldiers in Korea smoke a popular brand of cigarettes known to them as "smugglers." The name is not a coincidence. The cigarettes come from smugglers along the Canadian-United States border. "Over one and a half million cigarettes but not one cigar," banters cigar-smoking Welfare Officer Major J. Y. W. Braithwaite, (above), of Toronto, as Sergeant Bill Needs, Sturgeon Falls, Ont., unpacks the large shipment.—Central Press Canadian.



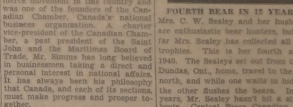
POLICEMAN HITS SWEEPSTAKES JACKPOT — Perhaps the fact that he has never in his 28 years with police forces arrested anyone for possessing sweepstakes tickets—which are illegal in Quebec—helped. Lieut. Louis Chabouneau of the Montreal police traffic division to win \$48,000 in the Quebec Army and Navy and Air Force Veterans' sweepstakes. The father of two, seen above with their mom and dad, held a ticket on Summer Rains, which finished first in the November Handicap at Manchester, England. When told of the win, he said: "That's terrific!" and then went on to say: "I'm not buying any big car. Maybe I'll just buy the motorcycle I've been using for years."—Central Press Canadian



WELCOME TO THE FIJI ISLANDS—A Fiji Island welcome is a colorful affair with dancers, traditional ceremony and impressive prayers. This dancer is a cup-bearer in the ceremony, welcoming the new British governor, Sir Ronald Garvey, to the islands.—Central Press Canadian.



NATIONAL BUSINESS HEAD—
Lewis W. Simms, main jobs. V. H. elected President of The Canadian Chamber of Commerce at the organization's recent annual meeting in Toronto, is now making plans for the year ahead during which he will contact Board and Chamber members, educationists, government leaders and businessmen across Canada. In business life he is president and chairman of the board of T. H. Simms & Company, a brush manufacturing firm which was founded by his father in 1872. Mr. Simms has long been associated with the Chamber of Commerce.



FOURTH BEAR IN 15 YEARS— Mrs. C. W. Sealey and her husband are enthusiastic hunters, but so far Mrs. Sealey has collected all the trophies. This is her fourth since 1940. The Sealeys set out from their Dundas, Ont., home, travel to the far north, and while one waits in hiding, the other flushes the bears. In 23 years, Mrs. Sealey hasn't hit a single

